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1. J.W. CUOUSTON OF FAO SECRETARIAT INFORMS US OF THINKING IN SECRETARIAT ABOUT OFFICERS FOR SEPTEMBER 27-30 MEETING OF FAO COMMISSION ON FERTILIZERS. THEY BELIEVE THAT IN KEEPING WITH TRADITION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN MOVING UP TO CHAIRMANSHIP, IT WOULD NOW BE THE TURN OF MEXICO, OR OF ANOTHER LATING AMERICAN COUNTRY IF THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL GROUP PREFERS ANOTHER. A NEAR EASTERN COUNTRY, PROBABLY IRAN IN VIEW OF ITS PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FERTILIZER MEETINGS, WOULD TAKE ONE OF THE VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS, AND THE OTHER WOULD GO TO EITHER A EUROPEAN OR A NORTH AMERICAN.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE OFFICERSHIPS IS THAT JABATI OF SIERRA LEONE WAS THE FIRST CHAIRMAN, THEN SWIFT OF AUSTRALIA, AND MOST RECENTLY FERNANDEZ OF INDIA. VICE CHAIRMEN IN LATEST MEETING WERE FROM MEXICO AND NEW ZEALAND.

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3. WE HAVE CONSULTED QUICKLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA AND UNITED KINGDOM, LATTER BEING COUNTRY THAT HAS TAKEN PARTICULAR INTEREST AMONG THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT NEITHER HAVE ANY ADVERSE REACTION TO SECRETARIAT THINKING. WE BELIEVE NEW ZEALAND IS BEING PASSED OVER BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS AUSTRALIAN CHAIRMANSHIP, AND ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE

WE SHOULD DEFER TO EUROPEANS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
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